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Upon This Present

The past years have seen reflected in library thinking the patterns of a country at war: the first adjustments to new fields of interest and to new services, an awareness that the best of the past must be garnered, and the thoughtful forward glance.

This year of 1945 may well be a proving ground. The roseate dreams of new buildings and of expanded services which we hope a time of peace will bring are still far from consummation. It would seem fitting, then, that we pause to take inventory of the present; for it is upon the service rendered today that the persuasion of the library's place in the sun of the Postwar World will be founded. And this at a time when libraries, like so many other organizations and industries, are understaffed, when even the books which are marrow and bone are available in smaller number, when old titles cannot be replaced, and new titles are out of print before the order reaches the publisher.

Libraries must continue to be aware of the communities which they serve, playing an active role in the community life, cognizant of the needs and ready to meet them. A library should be a welcoming place to readers young and old—to the child who seeks it as a familiar and secure haven and to the soldier who is making his adjustment to the return to civilian life, to the high school boy who is asking *So, what's the score*—and to the scholar who is working on a research problem.

It is useless to dream dreams of greater budgets and modern buildings, of larger book collections and adequate staff if we have not found in the present, the stimulus and the satisfaction which come from daily contact with a job which is worth the doing and to which has been given the full sum of effort and enthusiasm.

The time has come, too, for us to look not only to our own plans in our own communities, but to the broader aspects of our work. In so far as library service is given to any community in the country, to that extent will the library profession have seen its opportunities, have met its responsibilities, and have begun to assume its stature. If we have the confidence in the value of our chosen field of work which our membership in the library profession indicates, we cannot rest either in our achievements of the past, in our present security, or in our postwar plans until people who as yet have no access to books shall have been given the privilege of that service.

In the Library Development Fund, the plans for which are being carried forward under the sponsorship of the American Library Association and the state associations, it is possible to share in the larger duty and the greater opportunity of librarianship. It is to be hoped that to each of us it will seem significant and important that library service be broadened and extended to all people both in this state and in others.

With the new O.D.T. directive in regard to conferences, it has again become necessary for the Executive Board of the M.L.A. to vote that there be no annual meeting this year. We have been fortunate in having been able to gather in the fall of 1944. It will be with special pleasure that we look back upon the stimulus gained from the speakers who brought their messages to us, the discussion of problems with other librarians, and the renewal of friendships.

Meanwhile, the Association will be as successful as each member makes it. When demands are made upon you for the sharing of responsibilities, it is with the realization that each of you is already carrying an overheavy schedule; but also in the confidence that the work will go forward because of that vision which each of you brings to it, and because whatever we can hope of the future will have been built upon our ability to meet this present time and need.—*Jean Gardiner Smith, President, Minnesota Library Association.*

Disposal of Unneeded Sets, Documents and Periodicals in a Public Library

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Many small and medium-sized public libraries have duplicates, unused publications, and obsolescent material that might well be weeded from their collections to make room for more useful accessions. The LIBRARY DIVISION of the State Department of Education has urged this policy on public libraries for the past several years. The DIVISION has pointed out that some of this material might be purchased by booksellers, and the money received invested in new books. It has also suggested to public libraries that their unneeded titles might be offered gratuitously to the University of Minnesota Library. Many offers of books have been received by the University Library which has been pleased to accept those useful in the Library or for exchange purposes. In many instances this Library has benefited from the publications received. In other instances the books were so common, in such poor condition, and of such little intrinsic value that they were in turn discarded by the University Library. The LIBRARY DIVISION has suggested that it would be useful for librarians to know something about the type of publications likely to be accepted by the University Library, and that the listing of some of the common sets and periodicals would be desirable, together with information on those publications book dealers will or will not purchase.

In preparation for this article a list was compiled of some of the more common sets, exclusive of the complete works of an author, that are not desired by the University Library. These are the titles appearing in Section A of this article. Two additional lists were compiled, one of which, Section C, includes sets that will be accepted as gifts and used by the University Library itself or else be offered in exchange with other libraries for other publications it needs and can use.

Realizing that some public libraries may prefer to dispose of their duplicates and dis-

cards by sale to book dealers, the lists were compiled and sent to a number of dealers who were asked which sets they might purchase and at what price. Almost without exception these dealers indicated little or no interest in the sets listed under Section A. One dealer stated, "The books listed in your A list are of no particular interest to us. Transportation charges would probably be greater than what we could pay for them." Another said, "There is absolutely nothing in Section A that we would buy for stock at any price, large or small . . . when this material comes to us in the purchase of a private library or other collection of books, we usually send it to the paper mills."

On the other hand some booksellers showed interest in Section B, and most of them in Section C. One dealer cautioned that "Group B represents the slow-selling kind of material on which a dealer has to get a very large mark-up over the price he pays—for instance, in the case of a Century Dictionary which he might list for \$20.00, probably \$5.00 would be the most he would pay, because it is a slow selling item which takes up a lot of room." Commenting on sets listed in Section C one dealer stated that "these are standard reference works for which there is a steady demand and any dealer is always glad to get these."

The booksellers' comments on the three lists lend weight to a not always recognized aspect of book values, namely that there is a close relationship between the usefulness of a book in a library and its usefulness to a dealer as saleable merchandise. Although it is probable that a few of the sets in Section A may be worth keeping on the shelves, in most cases librarians will find that these and similar sets might well be dispensed with to make room for more useful books.

The fact that the University Library is not interested in accepting the sets listed in Section A does not mean that they have no place

in a large research library. On the contrary they are already in the University Library but additional copies are not needed nor are they particularly useful for exchange purposes. If a library has no other way of disposing of the sets in Section A it may be well to follow the example of the bookseller and send them to the paper mill.

SECTION A

Listed below are the more common sets most frequently found in public libraries. It should be kept in mind that the dealers listed at the end of this article are not interested in purchasing at any price any of the items noted in this section.

- Alexander Hamilton Institute library of modern business.** 1931 26v
Appleton's cyclopedia of American biography. 1887, 1888 6v (For later eds. see list C)
Beaux and belles of England. n.d. 14v
Book of history. Grolier society. n.d. 18v
Chambers encyclopedia. 1884 10v
Collier's new encyclopedia. 1926 10v
Copeland's treasury for book lovers. 1929 5v
Crane Classics, by Frank Crane. 1923 12v
Cyclopedia of world's great literature, ed., by Harry Thurston Peck. 1901 20v
Delphian course. 1922 10v
Encyclopedia Americana. The older editions are not very useful and in little demand. For example the prices for imprints from 1903 to 1929 vary from \$6.00 to \$22.50. (See List C for later editions)
Encyclopedia Britannica. 9th ed. This edition of the Britannica was published before the international copyright act in 1891, was reprinted by several American publishers and widely distributed throughout the country. Although it contains much excellent material, the set as a whole is too old to be generally useful, and has been superseded by later editions. Useful in a research library but the supply greatly exceeds the demand. The American editions, at least, have little market value. (See List C for later editions)
Famous women of the French court, by Imbert de Saint-Amand. 1901 15v
Funk and Wagnall's new standard encyclopedia of universal knowledge. 1935 25v
Great crises in our history told by its makers. 1925 12v
Harper's encyclopedia of United States history. 1902 10v; 1905 10v; 1915 10v
History and progress of the world, ed., by Edgar Sanderson and others. 1917 10v
History of nations, ed. by Henry Cabot Lodge. 1906 24v
History of the United States, by J. C. Ridpath. 1902 5v
History of the United States of America, by H. W. Elson. 1905 5v
International library of masterpieces, ed., by Harry T. Peck. 1901 30v
International reference work. 1927 10v
Johnson's universal cyclopedia. 1895 11v
Lectures, by J. L. Stoddard. 1910 15v
Library of American literature, by Stedman and Hutchinson. 1888-90 11v
Library of choice literature. Prose and poetry of all nations, ed., by A. R. Spofford. 1895 10v
Library of historic characters and famous events of all nations and ages, ed., by Spofford and others. 1905 12v
Library of historic characters and famous events, ed., by A. R. Spofford and others. 1905 12v
Library of natural history, by Richard Lydekker. 1904 5v
Library of oratory, ed., by Chauncey M. Depew. 1902 15v
Library of wit and humor, ed., by A. R. Spofford and R. E. Shapley. 1910 5v
Little journeys to the homes of the great, by Elbert Hubbard. v.d. 14v
Literary Digest history of the World War. 1920 10v
Lives of the queens of England, by Agnes Strickland. 1871 7v; 16v
Louisiana and the Fair, ed., by J. W. Buel. 1904 8v
Masterpieces of fiction crowned by the French Academy. 1927 20v
Memoirs and secret chronicles of the courts of Europe. 1901 11v
Memoirs of the court of France. 1903 20v
Messages and papers of the presidents. 1897 20v; 1913 20v in 10; 1918 20v. One of the most widely distributed sets, in little demand.
Modern merchandising, by Alexander Hamilton Institute. 1927 10v
Mysteries of the court of London, by G. W. Reynolds. 1900 10v; 20v in 10
Nations of the world. 1898 60v
Nelson's perpetual loose leaf encyclopedia. 1923 12v; 1929 12v
New international encyclopedia. 1903 18v; 1909 23v (For later ed. see List C)
New students reference work for teachers, ed., by C. B. Beach and F. M. McMurry. 1918 6v
Pocket university. 1924 23v
Popular science library, ed., by Garrett P. Serviss. 1922 17v
Presidential messages and state papers, ed., by Julius W. Muller. 1917 10v
Progress of nations. 1930 10v
Real America in romance, ed., by Edwin Markham. 1914-27 15v
Ridpath library of universal literature. 1899 25v
Romances of royalty. Dramas and tragedies of Chivalric France. 1909 13v

Scribner's popular history of the United States, by W. C. Bryant and others. 1876 4v; 1897 5v
 Secret memoirs of the courts of Europe. 10v; 20v; 24v
 Source records of the Great War, ed., by Charles F. Horne. 1920 7v
 Travelogues, by Burton Holmes. 1903 10v
 Universal anthology, ed., by Richard Garnett and others. 1899 33v
 Universal classics library. 1901 20v; 26v; 30v
 University musical encyclopedia, ed., by L. C. Elson. 1912 10v
 University library, ed., by J. H. Finley and N. Braddy. 1928 26v
 United States, its beginning, progress and modern development, ed., by Edwin Wiley. 1912 11v
 Wit and humor of America, ed., by M. P. Wilder, n.d. 10v
 Winstons cumulative encyclopedia. 1914 10v
 With the world's people, by J. C. Ridpath, 1914 12v
 Women in all ages and all countries. 1908 10v
 World and its people. 1925 7v
 World's best orations, ed., by D. J. Brewer. 1899 10v
 World's fifty best short novels, ed., by Grant Overton. 10v
 World's orators, ed., by Guy C. Lee. 1903 10v
 World's wit and humor. 1906 15v
 Young folk's library, ed., by Thomas Bailey Aldrich. 1902 20v

SECTION B

The sets listed here are not those in most demand by libraries and bookdealers, but they are more useful than those in Section A. If in usable condition they should not be sold for waste paper. If a library has good unmarked copies of these or similar sets it does not want to retain they can be sold to dealers at moderate prices. Some dealers will buy stamped copies in good condition. The prices listed are those suggested by dealers and which are likely to be paid by them for sound unmarked sets. Difficulty may be encountered in locating a dealer interested in some of these titles. Dealers likely to be interested will be found at the end of this article.

It is important to remember that the price a dealer can afford to pay for books in relation to the price at which he expects to sell them depends largely upon their demand. For example, he may list a set of the *Mes-*

sages and papers of the presidents in his catalog at \$10. It may take years and several listings before he sells the set, and it is entirely possible that he may never find a buyer. Transportation costs may be about all a dealer can profitably pay for sets that are in so little demand. On the other hand most dealers will gladly pay from 50% to 60% of the price they expect to ask for a set of the *Encyclopedia of religion and ethics*, knowing that it will have a ready sale.

American history told by contemporaries, by A. B. Hart. 1906 5v 10.00
 American statesmen, ed., by J. T. Morse, Jr. 32v 10.00; 41v 20.00
 Abraham Lincoln, by J. G. Nicolay and John Hay. 1890 12v 7.50-10.00
 Anglo-Saxon classics. 1906 15v 7.50
 Antique gems from the Greek and Latin. 1901 13v 5.00
 Art of music, by D. G. Mason. 1915 14v
 Author's digest, ed., by Rossiter Johnson. 1908 20v 5.00
 Bibelot. n.d. 21v 5.00
 Book of knowledge. 1939 20v in 10 10.00 (Later printings command somewhat better prices)
 Carpenter's world travels, ed., by Frank G. Carpenter. 1927 20v 5.00
 Children's Hour, by Eva March Tappan. n.d. 15v
 Columbia University course in literature, ed., by J. W. Cunliffe and others. 1928 18v 15.00
 Digest of international law, by John Bassett Moore. 1906 8v
 Famous composers and their music, ed., by Theodore Thomas and others. 1901 16v 7.50
 Great novels crowned by the French Academy. 1897 20v 7.50
 Harvard Classics. v.d. 51v 15.00-20.00
 Harvard Classics shelf of fiction. n.d. 20v
 History of Egypt, Chaldea, Syria, Babylonia and Assyria, by G. Maspero. n.d. 13v 5.00
 History of the people of the United States, by John B. McMaster. 1911 8v 5.00-10.00
 History of the United States, by Henry Adams. 1930 9v 6.00-10.00
 Illustrated record of English literature, by R. Garnett and E. Gosse. 1923 4v 3.50-5.00
 Irish literature, ed., by Justin McCarthy.
 Journeys through bookland, ed., by Charles H. Sylvester. 1922 10v
 Lamb's biographical dictionary of the United States. 1900 7v 5.00
 Modern eloquence. 1931 15v 7.50
 Narrative and critical history of America, by Justin Winsor. 1889 8v 10.00
 National cyclopedia of American biography. 1898 14v 10.00
 Outline of science, by John Arthur Thomson. n.d. 4v

Sacred books and early literature of the East. 1917 14v 7.50-8.00
Wonder of the past, by John Arthur Thomson. n.d. 4v
World book. 1925 10v 12.50; 1930 12v
World's best essays, ed., by D. J. Brewer. 1908 10v

SECTION C

Listed here are a few examples of useful sets that the University Library will be pleased to accept, either for use in the Library or for exchange with libraries in other countries. There are many libraries in China and Russia, for example, that would consider such sets desirable acquisitions. It is true, however, with a few exceptions, that if a small or medium-sized public library has single copies of such sets on its shelves they should be retained. Among exceptions, if a library has late editions of the *Americana* and *Britannica*, it is not likely that it will be necessary to keep earlier editions. Again, if a library is so fortunate as to have both the great *Dictionary of American biography*, and *Appleton's cyclopedia of American biography*, the latter set will not be needed.

This serves to emphasize the fact that with well known and widely distributed sets such as are listed here, both book dealers and the University Library are most interested in those that are likely to be useful in small libraries.

As has already been suggested libraries will not find it difficult to sell to dealers unneeded copies of the set in Section C, provided they are in good condition, and particularly if they do not carry library marks. A few sets that are most in demand will bring almost as much marked as they will unmarked.

Appleton's cyclopedia of American biography. 1900 6v 8.00

Bryan's dictionary of painters and engravers. 1903-05 5v 20.00-25.00 (With library marks 13.00-17.50)

Cambridge histories. All are in demand at good prices, particularly the original editions. (2.50 a volume)

Catholic encyclopedia. 1913 16v 15.00-30.00

Chronicles of America. v.d. 50v Dealers usually list used sets at 50.00 to 75.00. Various eds. 20.00-45.00. (With library marks 20.00-30.00) A set in demand.

Compton's pictured encyclopedia. 1935 15v 20.00

Critical dictionary of English literature, by S. Austin Allibone. 1908 5v 5.00-9.00

Cyclopedia of education, by Paul Monroe. 1911 5v 15.00

Cyclopedia of painters and paintings, by J. D. Champlin and C. C. Perkins. 1913 4v 10.00-12.00 (With library marks 10.00)

Dictionary of anonymous and pseudonymous literature, by S. Halkett and J. Laing. 1926 7 v 30.00

Dictionary of Architecture and building, by R. A. Sturgis. 1905 3v 7.50-10.00

Encyclopedia Americana. Editions of the late 1930's and early 1940's have been offered for sale at prices comparable to the 14th edition of the Britannica.

Encyclopedia Britannica. Eleventh (1911) and later eds. All are in demand, including the handy volume issue of the 11th, 12th and 13th. Dealer's selling price of the latter depends on edition and condition, usually ranging from around 20.00 to 35.00. The full-size Cambridge ed. generally sells at from 25.00 to 50.00. The usual price of the 14th ed. is from 75.00 to 90.00 depending on the imprint date, binding and condition. The latest printings do not often appear on the second-hand market.

Encyclopedia of religion and ethics, ed., by James Hastings. 13v 15.00-35.00 (With library marks 15.00-30.00) In addition to the above, other works edited by Hastings are in demand. These include **Dictionary of the Bible**, **Great texts of the Bible**, and **Dictionary of Christ and the Gospels**.

Handbook of American Indians, by F. W. Hodge. 1907 2v 5.00-10.00

History of the United States and its people, by E. M. Avery. 1904 7v 25.00

Jewish encyclopedia. 1925 12v 12.50-20.00

Library of literary criticism of English and American authors, by Charles W. Moulton. 1901 8v 15.00-30.00

Library of Southern literature. 1929 20v in 10 12.50

Nature library. 1908 17v 10.00-30.00

New international encyclopedia. 2nd ed.

Pageant of America. 1925 15v 20.00-37.50

Photographic history of the Civil War, by Francis T. Miller. 1911 10v; 1912 10.00-20.00 (With library marks 8.00)

Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of religion and ethics. 1908 12v plus index 14.00-22.00 (With library marks 12.00-15.00)

Smithsonian scientific series. 12v 12.50-15.00

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

Research libraries count among their important holdings publications issued by the various states and by the United States government. Usually the largest libraries try to secure most, and in some cases all, United States documents and the documents of their own state. Even large research libraries customarily select for acquisition only

the most useful documents issued by other states.

U. S. DOCUMENTS

The University Library lacks many United States documents issued prior to 1900 and solicits reports from Minnesota libraries having such unneeded documents. There are some that are so common they are not worth reporting. Among these are the *Congressional Record*, *Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture*, and the *Records of the War of the Rebellion*.

Of United States publications issued since 1900 many House and Senate Hearings before 1924 are lacking from the Library's collection. Also desired are publications issued by the *United States National Museum* and the *Smithsonian Institution*. In general all reports dealing with the natural and physical sciences are in demand.

STATE DOCUMENTS

The University Library can use many Minnesota documents issued prior to 1880 and *House and Senate Journals* and *Executive Documents* regardless of date.

For other states the following are among those particularly desired:

- House and Senate Journals
- Constitutional Conventions
- Executive Documents
- Statutes and Attorney General Reports (For Law Library)
- Publications dealing with the natural and physical sciences

Many of the United States and state publications mentioned above are in demand by dealers.

MAGAZINES

Magazines are essential in both the small and medium-sized public library and in the large research library. As magazine files grow older the amount of use made of them usually diminishes to such an extent that the small public library will find it difficult to justify keeping on its shelves any but the most used titles. On the other hand the older periodicals retain their usefulness for research purposes and the logical place to preserve them is in the large library. The University Library has on its shelves most of the titles,

particularly those of nationwide circulation published since 1900, commonly found in the smaller libraries throughout the state, and therefore is not interested in securing additional files. With a few exceptions the University Library will be glad to learn of any unneeded nineteenth century magazines in Minnesota libraries, and will consider purchasing those that it does not already have. Among the exceptions are *Harpers' Magazine*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *Scribners*, and *Century*, which are quite common and widely distributed. Few dealers will pay more than transportation costs for them.

Most of the popular widely circulated magazines currently received on subscription by the small and medium-sized public library have little or no sale value. This is particularly true of unbound volumes. In a few instances however the early years are in demand at high prices. Perhaps the outstanding example is the *Readers Digest* for the years 1922 to 1927, the earlier years being particularly valuable. The issues of recent years are very common and have little sale value. Another exception is the *National Geographic Magazine* for the years prior to 1910, the earliest issues being among the most valuable of any of the magazines published during the period. Unbound volumes since 1916 have practically no sale value. All issues of a less popular and less widely distributed magazine, *Antiques*, are in demand by dealers.

Many scientific and technical magazines, particularly those of limited circulation, have excellent sale values. A few examples are the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, *Modern Plastics*, *Genetics*, and *Bacteriological Review*. Dealers sell files of these at from \$5 to \$10 a volume or more, and are usually glad to buy at good prices. Magazines of this kind are not often on the subscription lists of small or medium-sized public libraries but may occasionally be received as gifts. They should never be disposed of as waste paper. They may be offered for sale to one of the magazine dealers or to the University Library. One of the magazines in this classification most often offered to libraries, the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, is widely circulated and has little sale value.

As an aid to Minnesota libraries the University Library offers to supply, from its serials price file, information on magazine values and advice on their disposal. Librarians should indicate in each case whether or not volumes are bound. Many popular magazines that are valueless unbound are saleable if well bound.

The American Library Association's Committee on Aid to Libraries in War Areas is interested in securing gifts of scientific and scholarly periodicals for distribution to foreign research centers. Lists of the periodicals wanted can be secured by writing to the Association.

INDIVIDUAL VOLUMES

In this article attention has been given here primarily to sets and serial publications. It should be mentioned however that there is more demand by booksellers and large libraries for books published separately. Lists of such unneeded books can be sent to any of the book dealers listed at the end of this article or to the University Library. Booksellers are more selective in purchasing separate books with library marks than they are in purchasing marked magazines or documents. As a matter of fact there is little difference in the sale value of a marked and unmarked file of a desirable magazine.

Individual listing of the author, title, and date of books to be disposed of is perhaps most satisfactory. If this is not possible a letter giving a general description of the collection and listing a few is the next best method. Very few books have any value if they are badly worn or have pages missing.

Unneeded publications can in most instances be sold to best advantage to booksellers. The University Library will pay transportation charges on acceptable gifts, and will consider purchasing important publications sought by the Library.

Scott Adams' *The O. P. Market, a subject directory to the specialties of the out-of-print book trade*, N. Y., Bowker, 1944, is a useful guide in the selling as well as in the purchase of books, documents and periodicals.

BOOK DEALERS

The following dealers have indicated an interest in purchasing the sets in Sections B

and C, although not all of them the same sets.

- Dale Putnam, 1602 North Fell Avenue, Blooming, Illinois. This dealer buys about half of his stock from small public libraries and will purchase both marked and unmarked volumes.
- Friedmans', 18 West 23rd Street, New York.
- Argosy Book Stores, 114 East 59th Street, New York.
- Book Farm, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Interested in buying books on the South.
- Cadmus Book Shop, 18 West 56th Street, New York 19, New York.
- Arthur H. Clark Company, 1214 South Brand Boulevard, Glendale, California.
- Dawson's Book Shop, 627 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, California.
- Mayfair Bookshop, Inc., 7 West 49th Street, New York 20, New York.

DOCUMENT DEALERS

Among those specializing in government documents are the following:

- J. S. Canner, 909 Boylston Street, Boston 15, Mass.
- Central Book Co., 261 Broadway, New York 7, New York.
- Luther M. Cornwall, 261 Broadway, New York 7, New York.
- Illinois Book Exchange, 337 W. Madison Street, Chicago 6, Illinois.
- W. H. Lowdermilk, 1418-20 F Street N. W., Washington 4, D. C.
- R. A. Ogg, P. O. Box 90, Palo Alto, California.
- Florence Woodward, Golden City, Missouri.

MAGAZINE DEALERS

The following firms deal in back files of magazines:

- P. & H. Bliss, Middletown, Conn.
- J. S. Canner & Co., 909 Boylston Street, Boston 15, Mass.
- F. W. Faxon Co., 83 Francis Street, Boston 15, Mass.
- G. E. Stechert & Co., 31-33 E. 10th Avenue, New York 3, New York.
- H. W. Wilson Co., 950 University Avenue, New York 52, New York.

Library Development Fund

Delegates from 33 states meeting in Chicago January 19-20 enthusiastically endorsed the objectives of the American Library Association's campaign for a LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT FUND. The drive to secure \$105,000 to finance a four-year program is scheduled to open April 1. This is a campaign to raise funds in order to:

1. Maintain a representative of libraries in Washington under the direction of the A.L.A.:
 - (a) To help secure Army camp library books and equipment primarily for rural library service, when this property is no longer needed by the Army.
 - (b) To help make other federally-owned surplus property, including books, available to college, university, school and public libraries, state library extension agencies, and other publicly-supported or tax-exempt libraries.
 - (c) To provide federal agencies with information concerning the nation's needs for improved and extended library service.
 - (d) To help interpret to federal officials the needs and functions of libraries of all kinds.
2. Enable the American Library Association to carry on a national public relations program directly and indirectly in support of these and related objectives.

Success in the above efforts will carry forward a long time objective of the A.L.A. to increase the educational facilities of the country through the extension of library service.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The importance of this campaign and the reasons for its motivation can be best explained in the form of a series of questions and answers which have been set forth below. They should serve fully to inform all librarians, trustees and other interested citizens about the impending campaign and the need for achieving its aims:

• **WHAT'S THE CAMPAIGN FOR?** To raise funds to maintain a representative of libraries in Washington and to carry on a national public relations program in support

of the idea of making good library service available for all citizens.

• **WHY DO LIBRARIES NEED REPRESENTATION?** Because *every library and librarian* is affected by federal laws and regulations of increasing number and importance. Because many of the 35,000,000 Americans now without public library service will continue without it for a long time unless there is federal aid. Because we want our millions of ex-service men and women — who have had excellent library service in the Army and Navy — to return to their homes with a better chance for good library service. *Because good libraries for all citizens are a basic necessity in a thriving democracy.*

• **WHAT WOULD A WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE DO?** He would supply information to Congressmen and administrative officials and be on the spot when matters of vital importance to libraries or librarians come up; and, in turn, he would correspond with state library leaders and keep them informed about pending legislation and regulations. He would call on various officials whose regulations affect libraries on such matters as priorities, surplus property, postal rates, document distribution, etc.

• **WHO WILL BE THE REPRESENTATIVE?** The man or woman who, in the opinion of the Executive Board, is best qualified by experience and ability to represent librarians and trustees.

• **IS THERE ANYTHING OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO LIBRARY INTERESTS NOW PENDING IN WASHINGTON?** Yes. The Army officials tell us that hundreds of thousands of good books now in Army libraries, and other equipment such as file cases, typewriters, trucks, etc., will be disposed of when demobilization gets under way. *If we are on hand at the proper hour and have taken the preliminary steps, the Surplus Property Administration, or Congress, may transfer these books and equipment to the States. It is an opportunity that we must be ready for.*

• **CAN'T THE U. S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION DO THIS JOB?** There are some jobs which can only be done by non-governmental agencies.

• **WHY DOESN'T A.L.A. MOVE ITS HEAD-QUARTERS TO WASHINGTON?** Obviously now

is not the time to move a large staff to crowded Washington. Action on so debatable a question would have to follow full consideration by A.L.A. members.

• **WHAT KIND OF PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM IS PLANNED?** Public relations activities are an essential part of the library development program. The plan is (a) to keep library personnel and trustees informed of developments in federal activities affecting libraries; (b) to present library services and needs more convincingly to the general public; (c) to emphasize graphically the present inadequacies of library service; (d) to coordinate the existing channels of library public relations, such as state library agencies, associations, and individual libraries.

• **HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?** Probably between \$20,000 and \$30,000 a year. Present tentative estimate: \$26,250, mostly for salaries of representative, public relations assistant and stenographers, and also for rent, travel, postage, telegraph and supplies. The A.L.A. Executive Board will prepare working budgets and supervise expenditures. All accounts will be audited. Efforts will be made to avoid both niggardliness and extravagance, to strike a happy medium.

• **WHAT IS THE GOAL?** \$105,000 for four years of activity.

• **SUPPOSE THE TOTAL FOR A FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM IS NOT RAISED, THEN WHAT?** If librarians and trustees follow the inspiring example of the initial donors, there need be no fear of failure to reach the goal set. Whatever the amount raised, it will always be up to the Executive Board of A.L.A. to decide how to handle and budget the funds.

• **WILL THERE BE YEARLY CAMPAIGNS FOR FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE?** No. Enough is sought now to finance the program for four years.

• **WHY ISN'T THE MONEY APPROPRIATED FROM REGULAR A.L.A. FUNDS?** Present income will not permit it without scrapping other activities which the Executive Board believes the members are unwilling to have scrapped. Much of the A.L.A. income and all of its grants are for special purposes and may not be used for anything else.

• **CAN'T WE GET FOUNDATION HELP?** Foun-

dations consistently do not make grants for such purposes.

• **WHERE'S THE MONEY COMING FROM?**

From those who best understand the necessity of extending library services to all the people, namely, from librarians, library trustees, and from publishers, booksellers, bookbinders, library supply houses and interested citizens, informally approached by local campaign workers.

• **WHAT SHOULD MY CONTRIBUTION BE?**

Since all contributions to the Fund are on a purely voluntary basis, there is no fixed scale. Contributions naturally will vary depending on income. If each one contributes an average of 4% of *one month's salary*, the A.L.A. is reasonably certain of attaining the library workers' share of the campaign goal. Translated into terms of time worked, this would mean the contribution of roughly one day's work over the entire four-year period of the fund's program.

It is hoped that librarians in the higher salary brackets will wish to contribute substantially more than the 4% average. Approximately eighty individuals have already made advance subscriptions of nearly \$8,000 which, in most cases, is 10% to 33% of one month's salary.

• **IF I AM A LIBRARY TRUSTEE?** Any gift will be appreciated. It is hoped that 30,000 trustees will wish to participate with small or large contributions. Trustees have as great a stake as librarians in the objectives of the campaign.

• **WILL LIBRARIES CONTRIBUTE AS INSTITUTIONS?** Two have already done so. It is expected that many libraries may not be free to contribute for this purpose because of legal restrictions or board policies. A library's contribution should not take the place of individual donations from staff or trustees.

• **HOW ARE CONTRIBUTIONS AND PLEDGES MADE?** *Gifts of \$10 or more* may be pledged and paid in four or fewer annual installments. Cards for such pledges should be sent to A.L.A. headquarters by the state director for collection.

Gifts of less than \$10. Cards should be turned in immediately and payment made to solicitor before June 1, 1945. This rule is

to avoid large accounting expense for handling collections.

• **ARE DONATIONS DEDUCTIBLE FOR INCOME TAX?** Contributions to A.L.A. always have been deductible for federal income tax purposes.

MINNESOTA'S PART

The campaign in Minnesota will begin on April 1, when the national campaign gets under way, and will continue until May 31st. All librarians, trustees, and other interested persons will have an opportunity to contrib-

ute at that time to the Library Development Fund. Minnesota's quota has been tentatively set at \$2,850 although it is expected that total contributions will be considerably in excess of this figure.

The state campaign is under the direction of Donald E. Strout of the library school faculty of the University with the assistance of Jean Gardiner Smith, M.L.A. president, Lee F. Zimmerman, and a campaign committee made up of Minnesota librarians and trustees.

Reading in 1944

In 1944 the average American wanted to read about his own personal problems first, and about the war and the state of the world second, according to the A.L.A. In compiling data from all parts of the country, the Association notes a more noticeable slackening of interest in war reading on the two coasts, where it was most intense in 1943, while many communities in the middle west report steady and sometimes increasing demand for war books.

The most obvious change in reading interests during the year was the sudden, nation-wide drop in technical reading. In some cities the drop in demand amounted to as much as 40%.

On the whole, more people were reading in 1944 than in other war years. For the first time since the country began to prepare for war, the steady decrease in book circulation has been halted. The use of libraries for reference and information has never dropped, and is still increasing.

While the general public seems only superficially interested in post-war planning, there is a considerable demand in some areas from business, club members, community planners and students. There is a great deal of interest in post-war building of all kinds.

Many librarians are concerned about the lack of general awareness of the readjustment problems which veterans and their families must face. Club Study groups, teachers and clergymen are reading about the probable difficulties ahead, but on the whole families and individuals are not seeking help from books. Librarians believe this is partly due to the fact that books which have been published are heavy going for the average reader. They urge the publication of easily readable pamphlets and novels which deal realistically with the psychological problems of veterans.

PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1944

SUMMARY

POPULATION DIVISIONS	Number of Libraries	Population Served	BOOK COLLECTIONS		CIRCULATION		EXPENDITURES			
			Number of Volumes in Public Libraries	Volumes Per Capita	Number of Volumes Loaned	Circulation Per Capita	Books, Periodicals, Binding	Per Capita Expenditures Books, Periodicals, Binding	Total Operating Expenses	Expenditures Per Capita
Public Libraries:										
Serving over 50,000 population.	3	881,171	1,381,695	1.56	3,983,341	4.5	110,520	.13	897,759	1.02
Serving 10,000-50,000 population	12	197,075	390,958	1.98	1,168,113	5.9	44,016	.22	182,945	.93
Serving 5,000-10,000 population	24	167,052	364,194	2.18	1,053,500	6.3	33,362	.20	151,697	.91
Serving 2,500-5,000 population.	32	106,339	249,215	2.34	638,227	6.0	19,237	.18	74,001	.70
Serving 1,000-2,500 population.	60	97,292	278,636	2.86	519,434	5.3	16,993	.17	74,177	.76
Serving less than 1,000 pop'n.	22	17,166	57,128	3.32	110,215	6.4	4,595	.27	15,782	.92
Giving county service	4 ¹	312,455	240,147	.....	1,361,724	.....	52,603	.....	137,469	.44
Association Libraries	36	10,918	61,430	.....	69,873	.....	.....	.....	4,206	.39
State Institution Libraries	19		61,028	.....	369,802	.....	6,293	.....	25,725	.....
On the basis of population served	212	1,789,468	3,084,431	1.80	9,274,229	5.4	287,619	.17	1,563,761	.91
On the basis of total population.	212	2,792,300 ²	3,084,431	1.10	9,274,229	3.3	287,619	.10	1,563,761	.56
On the basis of three counties: Hennepin, Ramsey, St. Louis.	16	1,085,751	1,669,913	1.53	4,611,721	4.2	133,982	.12	1,003,570	.92
On the basis of remaining 84 counties	196	1,706,549	1,414,518	.82	4,662,508	2.7	153,637	.09	560,191	.33

Number of Libraries

Public libraries maintained by tax support or public funds.....	157
Public libraries maintained by Associations.....	36
State Institution Libraries.....	19

With Public Library Service

Population of Minnesota (87 counties).....	2,792,300 ³
Population served by public libraries.....	1,466,095
Population served through county service.....	312,455
Population served by Association libraries.....	10,918
Total population served (64%).....	1,789,468

Without Public Library Service

Urban	3,511
Rural	999,321
Total population not served (36%).....	1,002,832

¹Organized as county libraries. In addition 15 public libraries give countywide service. These are included in the public library population groups listed above.

²Included previously in separate tables for towns and cities.

³Figure represents total population—not population with library service.

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Popu- lation (1940 Census)	PLACE	LIBRARIAN	Salary	Volumes in Library	BORROWERS		Circu- lation Per Capita	Hours Per Week Open for Lending	RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURES				
					Total Including Non- Resident	Per Cent of Local Popu- lation Regis- tered			Public Funds	Other Funds	Total Exclud- ing Balance	Tax Income Per Capita ³	Books, Period- icals, Binding	Salaries Exclusive of Janitor	Total Oper- ating Expenses	Per Capita	
	A. L. A. Standard Over 50,000 Pop'n.			1½ Per Capita		30											\$1.00
492,370	Minneapolis.....	Carl Vitz.....	6,000	784,054	159,579	32	2,374,233	67½	502,079	32,809	534,888	1.02	73,734	375,731	540,288	1.10	
287,736	St. Paul.....	Perrie Jones.....	4,500	429,971	73,286	25	1,197,024	65	223,887	50,651	274,538	.77	35,222	179,693	271,801	.94	
101,065	Duluth.....	Jane Morey.....	3,300	210,770	22,227	22	412,084	72	85,670	0	85,670	.79	1,564	54,885	85,670	.85	
	10,000-50,000 Pop'n.			2 per Capita		40											\$1.00
12,200	Albert Lea.....	Gyla Caulfield.....	1,816	14,091	3,892	32	65,710	5.3	9,800	62	9,862	.80	2,497	3,461	9,403	.77	
18,307	Austin.....	Mrs. Tanya B. Hines.....	1,680	21,708	10,962	60	89,544	4.9	9,799	0	9,799	.54	4,013	4,169	9,423	.52	
12,071	Brainerd.....	Helen Runberg.....	1,080	16,546	4,384	36	40,428	3.3	4,136	451	4,587	.34	1,563	1,653	4,897	.41	
14,527	Faribault.....	Marian F. Kaul.....	1,800	24,966	5,147	44	68,315	5.8	12,470	995	13,465	1.07	3,412	6,083	12,726	1.09	
10,848	Fergus Falls.....	To be appointed.....	1,800	16,089	3,861	35	51,536	4.7	5,927	469	6,396	.55	1,476	3,215	6,660	.61	
15,385	Hibbing.....	Laila Kojala.....	2,700	284,578	9,967	61	160,767	9.8	32,000	1,784	33,784	1.95	4,479	16,515	32,355	1.97	
15,654	Mankato.....	Mrs. C. C. Bordwell.....	2,340	31,743	6,042	38	98,258	6.2	10,759	1,484	12,243	.69	2,983	5,370	10,752	.69	
26,312	Rochester.....	Lucille Gottry.....	3,262	46,900	8,876	36	232,671	9.4	20,157	2,461	22,617	.82	7,991	14,208	27,543	1.12	
24,173	St. Cloud.....	Mrs. Merle Lennartson.....	2,500	39,097	6,976	28	93,518	4.0	16,115	509	19,624	.82	3,701	9,592	16,937	.73	
11,844	South St. Paul.....	Grace A. Dorval.....	2,160	30,265	8,027	68	106,118	2.9	10,818	459	11,277	.91	1,476	3,398	7,899	.66	
12,294	Virginia.....	Edith Recheygl.....	2,820	254,975	4,804	39	144,126	11.7	28,250	1,043	29,293	2.30	6,505	14,942	29,290	2.39	
22,490	Winona.....	Anta Saxne.....	2,820	20,000	4,129	18	88,358	3.9	18,313	0	18,313	.81	3,920	7,544	15,084	.67	
	High.....		3,262	84,578	10,962	68	232,671	11.7	32,000	2,461	33,784	2.30	7,991	10,515	32,355	2.39	
	Median.....		2,250	23,337	5,594	37	88,966	5.1	11,644	489	12,584	.81	3,556	5,726	11,739	.71	
	Low.....		1,080	14,091	3,861	18	34,852	2.9	4,136	0	4,587	.34	1,476	1,653	4,897	.41	

¹See page 276 for table on county service.²Includes county collection.³Based only on receipts from city levy or appropriation for public library.
⁴Includes state institution residents who receive state-supported service. Per capita are based only on local population.

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					Total Including Non- Resident	Per Cent of Local Popu- lation Regis- tered			Public Funds	Other Funds	Tax Income Per Capita ⁵	Books, Period- icals, Binding	Salaries Exclu- sive of Janitor	Total Oper- ating Expenses	Per Capita
5,051	A. L. A. Standard			3 per		45	9								\$1.00
6,426 ¹	Alexandria.....	Mrs. Margaret A. McCord.....	960	12,917	2,901	52	3.4	30	2,020	610	3,230	405	903	1,907	.38
9,427 ²	Anoka.....	Mrs. Ruth L. Smith.....	1,375	36,880	1,838	38	4.6	41	3,255	142	3,397	728	1,542	3,655	.72
7,642 ³	Bemidji.....	Margaret E. Hauge.....	1,800	7,154	3,351	38	5.7	64	4,985	417	5,402	1,737	2,251	5,003	.53
7,304	Chisholm.....	Mrs. Jane L. Bush, acting.....	2,580	42,349	2,351	28	10.8	72	21,578	1,527	23,105	3,186	9,818	24,135	3.16
6,035	Cloquet.....	Helen Jensen.....	2,340	22,873	3,210	41	75.169	54	10,300	25	1,891	2,361	5,894	10,842	1.48
7,161	Columbia Heights.....	Lucille R. Hawkins.....	960	6,995	2,633	41	18.315	30	1,866	25	1,891	183	1,000	1,831	.30
5,015	Crookston.....	Mrs. Claire W. Madden.....	1,800	14,876	3,171	44	51.335	51	5,755	405	6,160	2,121	3,073	6,375	.89
5,970	Detroit Lakes.....	Mrs. W. H. McCart.....	900	10,467	3,011	54	19.554	30	1,543	211	1,754	555	915	1,592	.32
8,145 ⁴	Ely.....	Mrs. Ruth King.....	1,380	11,702	2,240	35	40.518	45 1/2	4,000	82	4,082	828	2,457	4,255	.71
6,988	Eveleth.....	Mrs. Vivian G. Norrid.....	2,400	26,530	4,020	48	62.598	72	14,500	252	14,522	3,168	8,628	15,675	1.92
5,624 ⁵	Hastings.....	Mary Edwards.....	1,080	14,111	4,910	70	44.049	36	5,056	50	5,308	1,401	1,804	4,289	.61
6,047	International Falls.....	Laurane Evelyn Wold.....	900	7,516	1,688	36	17.405	58	6,811	546	7,357	1,849	1,749	2,657	.57
5,220	Little Falls.....	Mao E. Dahl.....	1,980	11,553	1,453	25	39.566	30	3,482	126	3,608	1,628	3,626	6,828	1.21
8,743	Montevideo.....	Florence L. Nelson.....	1,800	13,172	3,306	63	29.757	43	75,082	184	5,266	1,309	2,550	5,062	.97
9,962 ⁶	Moorhead.....	Erna F. Holzinger.....	1,500	15,860	5,887	61	47.884	52	4,445	581	7,026	1,058	3,407	6,426	.68
8,694 ⁷	New Ulm.....	Mrs. Edith M. Hegwer.....	1,800	20,339	5,047	60	38.633	57	6,000	44	6,044	698	3,350	5,869	.67
5,870 ⁸	Owatonna.....	Lucile G. Davis.....	1,500	10,166	5,148	54	83.111	72	8,548	942	9,490	1,900	3,683	8,042	.95
7,013	Red Wing.....	Edna V. Steiner.....	900	8,022	4,391	45	82.305	8.5	9,263	0	9,263	2,048	4,186	8,306	.86
6,019	Stillwater.....	Mrs. Marjorie M. Haescke.....	1,800	25,233	1,913	52	17.011	50	2,108	480	2,587	469	1,193	2,297	.63
7,623 ⁹	Thief River Falls.....	Gertrude Glennon.....	1,740	12,482	4,949	73	38.469	6.1	5,810	471	6,280	1,572	2,871	6,141	.88
5,918	Willmar.....	Mrs. Hazel Halgrim.....	1,520	33,318	3,589	82	33.181	48	4,916	253	9,317	1,894	3,390	7,034	1.17
	Worthington.....	Amy Hanscom.....	1,540	10,699	2,468	57	56.087	36	4,865	5,832	10,698	1,004	2,354	4,560	.73
	High.....	Mrs. Florence Humiston.....	2,580	42,349	5,887	82	83.111	72	21,578	5,832	23,105	3,186	9,818	24,135	3.16
	Medina.....		1,777	12,092	3,190	46	40.042	47	5,069	302	5,723	1,335	2,710	5,113	.72
	Low.....		900	6,695	983	16	17.011	30	1,543	0	1,754	183	903	1,592	.30

¹See page 276 for table on county service.²Includes county collection.³Based only on receipts from city levy or appropriation for public library.⁴Includes state institution residents who receive state-supported service. Per capita are based only on local population.⁵Includes immediate environs served.⁶Public library giving school service.⁷Includes school and municipal appropriations.⁸School library serving as public library.⁹Salary paid by school board.¹⁰Salary paid in part by school board.

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					Total Including Non- Resident	Per Cent of Local Popu- lation Regis- tered			Public Funds	Other Funds	Total Exclud- ing Balance	Tax Income Per Capita ⁸	Books, Period- icals, Binding	Salaries Exclud- ing Junior	Total Oper- ating Expenses	Per Capita
2,633 ¹	A. L. A. Standard			3 per Capita		45	9									\$1.00
2,729	Bayport.....	Marie Hoge.....	135	2,297	446	27	2,092	2	537	0	537	18	463	158	635	39
2,729	Beacon.....	Nina Brown.....	1,200	9,096	1,475	40	20,684	7 5	1,586	300	1,886	59	195	1,280	1,833	69
3,702	Blue Earth.....	Alta M. Cummings.....	1,080	9,604	1,696	39	19,175	5 1	2,539	110	2,649	68	808	1,053	2,690	73
2,745	Breckenridge.....	Mrs. M. W. Rothwell.....	360	3,741	698	25	13,825	3 3	829	80	910	30	441	375	840	31
2,954	Crookston.....	Mrs. Eva M. Bloomfield.....	410	7,169	812	27	9,809	3 3	1,044	57	1,101	35	395	465	866	29
2,994	Gilbert.....	Mrs. Eva Kieren, acting.....	1,560	6,035	1,730	69	17,235	6 8	7,669	150	7,819	36	900	2,848	7,755	31
2,994	Glenwood.....	Katherine M. Nelson.....	600	5,138	1,193	37	11,472	4 4	1,300	164	1,494	51	349	675	1,388	31
2,994	Grand Rapids.....	Mrs. Mala C. Bennett.....	1,335	29,017	3,834	72	55,093	11 3	2,650	149	2,808	55	1,469	3,639	6,336	11
4,875	Hopkins.....	Mrs. Wm. Mountain.....	1,065	6,364	2,983	71	25,854	6 3	1,831	0	1,831	45	887	1,084	1,973	48
3,887	Hutchinson.....	Mabel C. Schulte.....	1,200	10,832	1,517	30	21,183	5 4	3,211	186	3,397	83	554	1,450	3,161	81
2,840	Jackson.....	Mrs. L. L. Johnson.....	600	6,363	1,236	33	18,392	6 4	1,200	0	1,200	42	330	600	1,010	36
3,204	Lake City.....	Mrs. Sara W. McIntyre.....	1,032	8,672	2,450	75	21,981	6 8	1,868	553	2,421	58	613	1,249	2,356	74
3,920	Litchfield.....	Mrs. Bess F. Harmon.....	1,050	8,696	1,300	33	19,490	4 9	2,228	68	2,296	55	509	1,050	2,209	11
3,114	Lyerne.....	Mrs. Cora M. Main.....	1,780	8,618	2,193	66	16,288	5 2	3,729	354	2,547	70	460	748	1,756	56
4,690	Marshall.....	Daisy Fisher.....	1,450	9,814	1,163	25	27,925	6 0	3,298	80	3,378	103	631	1,070	2,149	67
3,214	Morris.....	Margaret E. Grove.....	1,030	8,814	1,246	36	14,235	4 4	3,298	80	3,378	103	631	1,070	2,149	67
3,517	North Mankato.....	Isabelle Neitge.....	899	4,565	1,609	46	22,508	6 3	1,827	149	1,976	52	668	1,061	1,434	46
3,135	North St. Paul.....	Louise M. McIntyre.....	915	8,125	2,825	90	21,691	3 9	1,700	100	1,800	54	482	1,089	2,504	55
4,533	Park Rapids.....	Anna Nyström.....	940	9,387	944	18	17,691	3 9	2,272	2,043	4,315	38	608	1,089	2,504	55
2,943	Pipestone.....	Susan M. George.....	240	6,843	1,606	60	14,536	5 4	1,013	0	1,013	38	272	1,178	1,450	35
3,693	Redwood Falls.....	Mrs. Susie J. Bolger.....	1,500	12,679	2,470	51	31,979	6 8	4,555	309	4,864	97	1,378	2,195	4,304	92
3,400	St. James.....	To be appointed.....	191,520	4,200	1,847	55	32,482	9 0	3,785	313	4,098	87	1,178	1,859	3,580	109
3,016 ¹	St. Paul.....	Mrs. George Adrian.....	753	4,010	1,089	32	10,331	3 6	1,583	173	1,756	47	433	753	1,238	36
2,981	St. Paul.....	Margaret Swedberg.....	191,740	15,339	2,115	76	45,806	16 5	53	73,552	222	3,774	1,269	2,180	3,629	142
2,923	St. Paul.....	Mollie Perlovski.....	91,350	4,598	2,291	77	8,893	2 9	71,000	0	1,100	17	1,16	500	1,244	42
2,923	Sleepy Eye.....	Lydia S. Sasse.....	780	4,587	791	25	7,130	2 4	2,132	6	2,132	73	172	798	1,530	52
3,085	Staples.....	Carrie M. Mayer.....	480	5,118	507	14	13,158	4 4	519	204	723	18	167	480	1,301	23
3,952	Tracy.....	Mrs. James Finnigan.....	840	5,751	2,865	93	14,095	5 5	1,839	1,113	2,952	60	439	1,780	2,428	42
4,046	Two Harbors.....	Leona Mason.....	960	29,386	3,498	86	35,223	8 7	1,154	450	1,604	29	489	1,738	2,048	70
2,916	Wadena.....	Rose V. Wagner.....	1,138	6,760	1,151	39	20,367	6 9	7,928	44	1,972	36	650	1,138	2,048	70
2,858	White Bear.....	Ada M. Palmer.....	1,200	8,453	1,767	61	18,908	6 6	2,456	203	2,659	86	270	1,200	3,453	122
2,807	Windom.....	Mrs. Lucy B. Olson.....	374	4,528	1,446	19	9,257	3 2	765	228	993	27	336	374	733	26
	High.....		1,740	20,017	3,834	93	55,093	16 5	7,669	2,043	7,819	30	1,469	3,639	7,755	31
	Median.....		995	7,299	1,661	39	18,650	5 4	1,853	161	1,974	54	499	1,057	1,928	54
	Low.....		135	2,297	446	14	2,092	1 2	519	0	537	17	167	158	635	23

¹See page 276 for table on county service.
²Included county collection.
³Included only on institutions from city or appropriation for public library.
⁴Included state institution residents who receive state-supported service. Per capita are based only on local population.
⁵Public library giving school service.
⁶Included school and municipal appropriations.
⁷School library serving as public library.
⁸Salary paid by school board.
⁹Salary paid in part by school board.
¹⁰Per capita for city not computed as county appropriation is included in totals.

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Popu- lation (1940 Census)	PLACE	LIBRARIAN	Salary	Volumes in Library	BORROWERS		Circu- lation Per Capita	Circu- lation Per Capita	Hours Per Week Open for Lending	RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURES				
					Total Including Non- Resident	Per Cent of Local Popu- lation Regis- tered				Public Funds	Other Funds	Total Exclud- ing Balance	Tax Income Per Capita ¹	Books, Period- icals, Binding	Salaries, Exclud- ing Janitor	Total Oper- ating Expenses	Per Capita
	A. L. A. Standard 1,000-2,500 Pop'n.			3 per Capita		45	9										\$1.00
2,063	Aitkin.....	Mrs. Pearl G. Baker.....	720	4,554	1,155	51	6,310	3.0	24	1,216	105	1,322	.59	264	632	1,005	.53
1,877	Appleton.....	Mrs. I. P. Cheney.....	205	4,563	924	48	3,420	1.8	9	600	22	622	.35	429	205	656	.35
1,528	Aurora.....	Mrs. Mary S. Rabb.....	600	3,875	837	55	10,581	6.9	13	1,747	74	1,747	1.14	149	575	1,411	.92
1,407	Baudette.....	Mrs. H. F. Meyer.....	60	1,834	376	36	3,120	3.0	3	1,000	28	1,174	.10	101	60	1,064	.16
1,201	Belle Plaine.....	Mrs. J. J. Rendle.....	75	1,599	168	12	2,162	1.5	6	308	74	336	.22	212	75	296	.21
1,075	Bird Island.....	Mrs. V. H. Eastman.....	160	2,578	415	33	2,867	2.3	6½	339	64	345	.28	107	160	291	.24
1,355	Bovey.....	Nathalie H. Johnson.....	1,080	3,738	696	51	11,051	8.1	36	3,384	54	3,438	2.50	795	1,146	2,311	1.71
1,695	Brown Valley.....	Lucy Van Tassel.....	300	3,251	871	80	7,971	7.4	15	850	186	1,036	.79	74	360	878	.82
1,600	Buffalo.....	Pearl L. Aldrich.....	300	5,566	852	50	6,459	3.8	10	605	15	620	.36	239	300	550	.32
1,920	Buhl.....	Helen D. Weaver.....	1,920	18,109	1,350	81	21,603	13.5	48	6,669	197	6,866	4.17	1,024	2,499	4,851	3.03
1,985	Caledonia.....	Celia Bouquet.....	540	5,985	1,104	44	8,990	4.5	20	1,021	84	1,105	.51	510	495	1,050	.53
2,099	Canby.....	Mrs. Anne Lortie.....	660	5,912	1,119	30	17,378	8.2	20	960	129	1,089	.46	232	660	961	.46
1,640	Chatfield.....	Mrs. Annette Johnson.....	960	7,140	1,290	50	14,904	9.0	30	1,274	236	1,510	.57	89	1,017	1,634	1.00
2,714	Coleraine.....	Ruth B. Hoglund.....	675	3,528	57	5	8,933	7.6	29	1,493	34	1,527	.26	263	675	944	.80
1,646	Dawson.....	Mrs. Margaret Larson.....	480	3,913	342	21	3,390	2.5	57½	6,528	250	6,778	4.93	1,343	2,889	6,166	4.30
1,245	Elk River.....	Elsie Mae Trotter.....	332	3,476	876	70	3,133	2.0	20	1,389	101	1,490	.84	149	480	1,289	.78
1,116	Fairfax.....	Mrs. Zella M. Page.....	252	3,591	582	40	6,309	5.6	15½	568	58	656	.48	299	332	690	.53
1,580	Farmington.....	Mrs. Frank Hopkins.....	129	1,168	681	43	3,929	2.4	6	500	0	500	.45	364	252	658	.60
2,387	Glencoe.....	Stella Judson.....	420	5,091	610	26	6,481	2.7	7	300	33	333	.13	156	129	293	.19
1,020	Graceville.....	Mrs. Cora Carstens.....	372	5,061	519	30	9,000	8.8	7	663	143	776	.64	124	372	723	.71
1,353	Hancock.....	Mrs. Anna E. Crowe.....	450	5,053	519	30	9,000	8.8	7	663	123	776	.64	124	372	723	.71
1,296	Hallsville.....	Mrs. E. B. Whitney.....	450	5,541	994	35	10,262	4.2	12	1,250	37	1,287	.52	600	585	1,939	.81
1,230	Kasson.....	Gladys Koplen.....	480	1,645	692	49	322	2.2	2	168	11	179	.12	208	480	884	.68
1,942	Keweenaw.....	Anna C. Jensen.....	420	3,308	692	49	7,716	5.9	24	998	33	1,029	.77	177	420	638	.52
1,830	Kenyon.....	Alma L. Lewis.....	52	2,370	510	32	2,019	10.8	40½	7,419	182	5,601	.28	108	969	4,528	2.88
1,319	Lake Crystal.....	Anna Munson.....	96	3,083	616	34	2,170	1.4	3	178	9	186	.12	283	96	379	.29
2,302	Le Sueur.....	Mrs. John G. Thomas.....	300	2,884	543	34	6,778	4.3	33	350	118	468	.27	208	316	586	.25
2,311	Long Prairie.....	Carrie M. Cadwell.....	117	2,911	857	36	8,872	3.8	26½	681	61	742	.30	208	208	316	.25
		Dora M. Fisher.....					6,818	2.9	26½	503	29	532	.22	250	117	380	.16

¹Based only on receipts from city levy or appropriation for public library.²Includes immediate environs served.³Public library giving school service.⁴Includes school and municipal appropriations.⁵School library serving as public library.⁶Salary paid by school board.

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Popu- lation (1940 Census)	PLACE	LIBRARIAN	Salary	Volumes in Library	BORROWERS		Circu- lation Per Capita	Hours Per Week Open for Lending	RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURES				
					Total Including Non- Resident	Per Cent of Local Popu- lation Regis- tered			Public Funds	Other Funds	Total Exclud- ing Balance	Tax Income Per Capita ^a	Books, Period- icals, Binding	Salaries Exclud- ing Janitor	Total Oper- ating Expenses	Per Capita
A. L. A. Standard 1,000-2,500 Pop. a. Continued																
2,312	Madison.....	Mrs. H. L. Borgendale.....	1,140	9,129	1,154	45	16,334	7.0	71,800	585	2,395	.65	342	1,716	2,437	1.05
1,070	Mapleton.....	Mrs. W. A. Dietz.....	180	6,507	573	33	6,439	6.0	502	39	541	.47	125	180	247	.63
1,093	Minnesota.....	Mrs. P. H. Gewitz.....	156	2,900	684	63	5,836	5.4	206	74	280	.19	158	158	249	.23
1,741	Mongomery.....	Leona Lehman.....	350	1,053	345	20	4,168	2.3	205	255	734	.28	111	269	545	.31
1,076	Monticello.....	Mrs. Joyce Munnell.....	190	3,646	632	59	4,069	3.7	191	8	199	.18	203	135	338	.31
1,432 ^a	Monticello.....	Ida Johnson.....	1,058	1,058	188	38	2,108	4.2	203	35	238	.48	.....	.....	117	.....
1,492	Mountain Iron.....	Marjorie Thoun.....	1,844	12,914	1,163	76	15,573	10.4	7,929	41	7,970	5.31	630	3,927	8,126	5.45
1,745	Mountain Lake.....	Mrs. Abbie C. Phillips.....	512	3,363	1,090	62	10,336	5.9	1,074	54	1,128	.62	512	512	1,473	.94
2,469	Ortonville.....	Mrs. L. P. Mahler.....	370	5,764	1,050	53	8,692	4.8	660	141	801	.37	340	370	911	.76
1,788	Olivia.....	Mrs. Ada M. Theisen.....	600	4,947	1,455	52	14,321	5.8	2,288	269	2,558	.93	43	587	1,966	.43
1,317	Paynesville.....	Victoria Gale.....	300	3,029	1,920	46	5,269	4.0	54	526	580	.40	197	288	569	.43
1,718	Pine City.....	Mrs. H. Hines.....	316	2,798	1,123	65	8,012	4.6	70	664	734	.39	300	316	618	.36
1,040	Pine Island.....	Mrs. Mary Belsham.....	1,298	6,624	1,152	71	22,933	22.0	72,878	0	2,878	.77	419	1,575	2,878	2.77
1,500	Plainview.....	Mrs. Mary Hovelecon.....	480	4,671	1,783	33	7,486	4.9	630	0	630	.42	136	480	616	.41
1,447	Preston.....	Mrs. Blanche Hovelecon.....	660	3,197	658	43	8,002	5.5	872	73	945	.27	344	1,280	1,635	.88
1,865	Princeton.....	Mrs. Lulu E. Owens.....	91,280	8,115	1,476	78	27,761	14.8	71,882	60	726	.34	.....	.....	897	.51
1,775	Roseau.....	Anna Heyerdahl.....	3,129	3,129	1,012	57	8,080	4.5	600	329	928	.59	.....	.....	897	.51
1,182	Rushford.....	Emma Crampton.....	230	4,224	391	29	6,741	5.7	700	28	728	.59	174	225	897	.51
1,507	St. Charles.....	Mrs. L. L. Pickert.....	597	4,214	1,082	72	13,775	9.1	1,105	0	1,105	.73	342	597	1,003	.67
1,559	Sandstone.....	Mrs. Louise Luoma.....	240	4,018	652	41	7,841	5.0	0	240	15	.15	32	240	444	.28
1,587	Sault Ste. Marie.....	Mrs. Elizabeth Smith.....	684	2,349	554	35	3,627	2.2	87	87	1,144	.67	248	684	1,144	.72
2,133	Spring Valley.....	Edna Albro.....	540	6,375	1,081	49	7,342	3.3	1,570	870	2,440	.74	307	551	2,276	1.07
2,361	Springfield.....	Mrs. J. E. Brown.....	208	3,328	1,113	47	5,273	2.2	450	31	481	.19	209	208	448	.19
1,025	Stewartville.....	Mrs. J. E. Brown.....	572	2,314	448	44	5,352	5.2	600	33	633	.59	53	572	631	.62
1,005	Tyler.....	Clara Hornbogen.....	654	7,807	1,397	59	2,000	1.9	262	262	262	.00	175	49	327	.33
2,368	Wabasha.....	Lillian Rehr.....	653	2,199	1,672	41	10,872	4.5	1,000	66	1,066	.42	254	653	955	.42
1,639	Warren.....	Mrs. Wm. A. Dahl.....	300	5,180	773	43	4,555	2.8	394	39	433	.25	64	300	413	.26
1,992	Waterville.....	Florence Damon.....	540	5,129	2,271	80	7,794	3.9	1,098	0	1,098	.55	104	835	933	.50
1,388	Zumbrota.....	Mrs. Elsie W. Johnson.....	19,900	7,815	1,264	51	15,291	11.0	71,549	181	1,730	.79	488	845	1,659	1.20
	High.....		2,214	18,109	2,271	82	27,761	22.0	7,929	870	7,970	5.31	1,343	4,526	8,126	5.45
	Median.....		480	3,806	854	46	7,414	4.5	692	54	756	.45	222	450	727	.53
	Low.....		52	654	57	5	322	.2	0	0	146	.03	32	32	87	.07

^aIncludes school and municipal appropriations.^bSchool library serving as public library.^cSalary paid by school board.^dSalary paid in part by school board.^eData for adult population only.^fSee page 276 for table on county service.^gBased only on receipts from city levy or appropriation for public library.^hIncludes state institution residents who receive state-supported service.ⁱPer capita are based only on local population.^jPublic library giving school service.

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Popu- lation (1940 Census)	PLACE	LIBRARIAN	Salary	Volumes in Library	BORROWERS		Circu- lation Per Capita	Circu- lation Per Open for Lending	RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURES					
					Total Including Non- Resident	Per Cent of Local Popu- lation Regis- tered			Public Funds	Other Funds	Total Exclud- ing Balance	Tax Income Per Capita ¹	Books, Period- icals, Binding	Salaries Exclusive of Janitor Expenses	Total Oper- ating Expenses	Per Capita	
	A. L. A. Standard Less Than 1,000 Population			3 per Capita		45	9										\$1.00
753	Blackduck.....	Mrs. Emma Leasia.....	100	1,028	118	16	2,983	3.9	277	52	330	.37	53	75	232	.31	
786	Browerville.....	Rose R. Bennis.....	90	2,294	189	24	5,120	6.5	256	0	256	.33	92	90	187	.24	
946	Calumet.....	Christine Drobnick.....	960	2,740	802	84	9,732	10.2	3,500	52	3,552	3.70	418	1,010	4,049	4.28	
700	Carlton.....	Mrs. H. V. LeMaster.....	248	2,914	290	37	4,861	6.9	822	46	868	.75	366	248	645	.92	
845	Clara City.....	Mrs. August Mohr.....	120	1,932	372	44	4,027	4.7	300	163	463	.36	183	120	439	.52	
815	Edgerton.....	Mrs. Leila Tindall.....	104	2,433	584	48	4,177	5.1	237	23	260	.29	63	104	205	.25	
856	Grand Marais.....	Mertie A. Johnson.....	300	980	122	12	1,703	1.9	373	500	873	.44	121	300	495	.58	
873	Hinckley.....	Anna E. Burk.....	375	2,802	1,099	77	13,908	15.9	491	21	513	.56	113	375	497	.60	
847	Howard Lake.....	Mrs. William Campbell.....	96	2,490	357	28	3,702	4.4	254	0	254	.30	235	96	331	.39	
827	Ironton.....	Mrs. Edward Sundt.....	410	3,502	583	70	5,546	6.7	1,008	20	1,028	1.22	231	735	986	1.19	
462	Kinney.....	Mrs. Mamie F. Maki.....	720	4,209	242	52	6,782	14.6	2,318	0	2,318	5.02	754	751	1,847	4.00	
991	Lake Benton.....	Mamie Deuelson.....	180	3,193	584	69	4,208	4.3	250	68	318	.26	94	180	274	.29	
922	Lamberton.....	Mrs. Carl Urness.....	240	3,975	874	45	6,526	8.6	695	569	1,264	.92	134	240	672	.89	
752	Le Roy.....	Elizabeth Ann Price.....	78	829	200	29	3,542	5.5	200	735	936	.31	437	78	540	.85	
637	Lindstrom.....	Mrs. M. D. Haferman.....	820	4,842	506	64	6,182	7.8	1,500	24	1,524	1.89	583	820	1,438	1.82	
792	Marble.....	Mrs. Clara Dickens.....	100	2,999	277	43	2,512	4.3	200	19	219	.24	84	100	184	.32	
580	Maynard.....	Mrs. Clara Baker.....	840	1,801	229	19	10,025	11.8	459	350	809	.54	114	860	974	1.15	
846	Morgan.....	Mary M. Gilmour.....	252	3,622	784	88	7,129	8.1	854	241	1,095	.98	259	252	606	.70	
872	Newport.....	Annie Dobie.....	180	4,406	321	40	3,961	7.1	443	22	465	.80	144	183	460	.83	
552	Taylor Falls.....	Mrs. Frances F. Murodock.....	360	4,296	789	53	3,529	3.7	578	181	759	.62	117	360	721	.77	
604	Wabasso.....	Dorothy M. Starken.....	960	4,815	1,099	88	13,908	15.9	3,500	735	3,552	5.02	754	1,010	4,049	4.28	
939	Walker.....	Mrs. J. C. Jewell.....	250	2,615	369	46	2,534	6.6	451	49	663	.55	139	250	518	.73	
	High.....		78	820	118	12	1,703	1.9	200	0	219	.26	53	75	184	.24	
	Median.....																
	Low.....																

¹Based only on receipts from city levy or appropriation for public library.

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COUNTY SERVICE, 1944

COUNTY	Total Rural Population*	CONTRACTING PUBLIC LIBRARY	Book Stock	Registered County Borrowers	Circulation	Circulation Per Capita	DISTRIBUTING POINTS			RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURES		
							Branches	Stations	Schools	County Appropriation or Levy	From School Districts	Total	Books, Periodicals, Binding	Salaries or Services	Total
Anoka.....	9,982 ¹	Anoka.....	2	561	2,846	3	0	0	0	200	0	200	0 ²	450	200
Becker.....	21,567 ¹	Becker.....	8,300 ¹	3,724 ¹	10,331 ¹	4	0	0	116	300	580	880	1,300	850	1,800
Beltrami.....	15,927 ¹	Beltrami.....	2,046 ¹	1,158 ¹	13,180 ¹	8	0	0	40	105	473	573	379	77	305
Big Lake.....	6,938 ¹	Big Lake.....	1,438 ¹	3,703 ¹	3,160 ¹	4	0	0	43	105	473	573	379	77	305
Blue Earth.....	15,100	Blue Earth.....	1,963 ¹	3,403 ¹	8,130 ¹	4	0	16	24	10,403	577	11,055	3,095	6,028	10,359
Clay.....	13,524	Clay.....	3,701 ¹	1,093 ¹	8,130 ¹	4	0	0	24	300	600	900	612	383	1,226
Dakota.....	20,524	Dakota.....	10,483	1,006	25,016	1	2	0	36	600	0	600	315	100	700
Deer Lake.....	3,859	Deer Lake.....	2,151 ¹	991 ¹	21,016	1	0	0	35	780	884	1,113	601	130	731
Freeborn.....	8,782	Freeborn.....	1,431 ¹	711 ¹	991 ¹	1	0	0	35	350	350	700	401	130	531
Grafton.....	2,449	Grafton.....	84,483	25,000 ¹	480,724 ¹	6	23	11	80	25,381	1,029	26,529	7,347	19,244	28,583
Hennepin.....	72,449	Hennepin.....	1,378 ¹	2,327 ¹	15,800 ¹	4	4	4	69	5,250	0	5,250	450	55	575
Hubbard.....	18,144	Hubbard.....	1,378 ¹	2,327 ¹	15,800 ¹	4	4	4	69	5,250	0	5,250	450	55	575
Itasca.....	9,651 ¹	Itasca.....	1,900	1,050	4,825	5	0	7	13	900	0	900	257	265	526
Kanabec.....	11,304	Kanabec.....	14,339	1,050	4,825	5	0	7	13	900	0	900	257	265	526
Koochiching.....	2,910	Koochiching.....	4,800	832	10,327	2	0	0	0	9,437	0	9,437	707	1,346	2,074
Lake.....	12,889	Lake.....	12,066	4,029	82,261	4	0	14	0	12,772	1,056	14,028	3,029	2,840	8,068
Lyon.....	17,688	Lyon.....	12,066	4,029	82,261	4	0	14	0	12,772	1,056	14,028	3,029	2,840	8,068
Mahnomen.....	15,357 ¹	Mahnomen.....	1,977 ¹	753	8,216	2	0	0	0	350	0	350	350	219	800
Meeker.....	15,357 ¹	Meeker.....	1,977 ¹	753	8,216	2	0	0	0	350	0	350	350	219	800
Morris.....	15,321 ¹	Morris.....	3,344	1,607	19,347	5	0	0	0	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	390	1,782
Murray.....	6,894	Murray.....	2,746 ¹	4,806	78,805	4	0	0	38	412	370	782	380	551	1,132
Pennington.....	29,302 ¹	Pennington.....	2,746 ¹	4,806	78,805	4	0	0	38	412	370	782	380	551	1,132
Polk.....	16,206	Polk.....	1,849 ¹	824 ¹	5,625 ¹	4	0	0	31	8,370	2,264	10,634	2,846	7,247	10,541
Ramsey.....	5,883 ¹	Ramsey.....	1,849 ¹	824 ¹	5,625 ¹	4	0	0	31	8,370	2,264	10,634	2,846	7,247	10,541
Red Lake.....	13,100 ¹	Red Lake.....	7,974	961	38,644 ¹	4	0	0	25	0	325	325	132	0	132
Rice.....	46,411	Rice.....	7,974	961	38,644 ¹	4	0	0	25	0	325	325	132	0	132
St. Louis.....	38,141	St. Louis.....	7,974	961	38,644 ¹	4	0	0	25	0	325	325	132	0	132
Stearns.....	11,055	Stearns.....	2,131	1,550	48,975	4	1	22	9	4,000	0	4,000	1,633	1,807	4,182
Steele.....	13,890	Steele.....	2,131	1,550	48,975	4	1	22	9	4,000	0	4,000	1,633	1,807	4,182
Wadena.....	15,912	Wadena.....	4,952	2,252	80,167 ¹	4	0	13	11	4,000	0	4,000	1,083	3,082	4,536
Washington.....	10,802	Washington.....	4,952	2,252	80,167 ¹	4	0	13	11	4,000	0	4,000	1,083	3,082	4,536
Watsonwan.....	544,957 ¹	Watsonwan.....	5,748	1,682	40,319	3	0	24	71	13,264	761	14,025	5,040	5,018	12,341
Totals.....	312,455 ⁵	Totals.....	240,147	75,146	1,361,724	2.4	0	7	0	127,454	14,901	145,125	62,603	60,830	137,469

*Population of towns and villages with library service not included.

†Basis of low per capita expenditure this figure is not included in total for population served.

‡Public and county library facilities not kept separately.

§Contract service to rural schools only.

||Represents rural schools or rural school children only.

¶Population served.

ASSOCIATION LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1944

PLACE	Population	Book Stock	Circulation	RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
				Village	Other	Total	Per Capita
Annandale.....	755 ¹	1,581	.....	75	15	90	.12
Bagley.....	1,241	1,391	2,352	372	199	260	.21
Beardsley.....	537 ¹	800	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Belgrade.....	553	1,020	1,800	0	262	177	.32
Bertha.....	578	500	926	25	92	117	.20
Blooming Prairie.....	1,205 ¹	.....	.....	20	0	20	.02
Buffalo Lake.....	637 ¹	700	1,500	0	37	21	.03
Chaska.....	1,927 ¹	4,160	3,000	120	32	216	.11
Claremont.....	398 ¹	1,003	1,312	50	39	53	.13
Cook.....	470 ¹	640	5,915	0	67	44	.09
Deerwood.....	570	2,350	1,000	91	23	90	.16
Dodge Center.....	1,029 ¹	2,050	2,340	0	75	75	.07
*Elbow Lake.....	1,150	3,846	7,048	120	375	495	.43
Ellsworth.....	660 ¹	300	600	.....	.....	.....	.....
Foston.....	1,271 ¹	990	1,101	132	2	28	.02
Fulda.....	984	2,582	4,060	360	0	360	.37
Grand Meadow.....	700	2,234	2,933	25	203	123	.18
Hancock.....	827	1,105	1,468	149	126	120	.15
Harmony.....	890 ¹	1,500	1,587	50	29	50	.06
Hayfield.....	742 ¹	476	536	0	7	7	.01
Hills.....	450 ¹	1,350	124	0	16	16	.03
Jasper.....	880 ¹	460	.....	0	68	30	.03
Lanesboro.....	1,100	3,115	4,323	300	137	199	.18
Le Center.....	1,232	1,783	5,551	334	118	305	.25
Mabel.....	741 ¹	2,060	2,176	50	73	76	.10
McGregor.....	311	2,234	846	38	35	81	.26
Milaca.....	1,627 ¹	2,669	2,080	0	75	65	.04
Nerstrand.....	251	1,700	3,003	89	98	173	.69
Perham.....	1,534 ¹	2,800	2,700	200	0	200	.13
Peterson.....	331 ¹	1,500	200	0	26	26	.08
Rose Creek.....	261 ¹	1,800	3,072	100	30	130	.10
Royalton.....	518 ¹	2,900	400	50	15	60	.12
Rush City.....	1,020 ¹	2,300	1,950	100	51	137	.13
Shafer.....	106	1,200	.....	.....	.....	29	.27
Waconia.....	1,315	3,500	3,950	240	89	280	.21
West Concord.....	744 ¹	500	300	.....	81	58	.08
Westbrook.....	871 ¹	3,000	1,800	113	15	60	.07
Totals.....	28,709 10,918 ²	61,430	69,873	3,203	2,435	4,206	.15

LOOKING OVER THE MAP

3 Counties With no Public Library of any Kind

Norman

Red Lake

Sibley

8 Counties With No Legally Established Public Libraries

Carver

Isanti

Red Lake

Clearwater

Mahnomen

Sibley

Grant

Norman

24 Counties With Only One Library, Either a Legal Public Library or an Association Library

Becker

Freeborn

Kittson

Roseau

Cass

Grant⁴

Lake of the Woods

Scott

Clay

Hubbard

Mahnomen⁴

Sherburne

Clearwater⁴Isanti⁴

Marshall

Traverse

Cook

Jackson

Meeker

Wadena

Douglas

Kandiyohi

Pope

Wilkin

¹Because of low per capita expenditures this figure is not included for population served.²Includes state institution residents who receive state-supported service. Per capita expenditures based only on local population.³Population served.⁴Association Libraries.⁵See Page 276 for table on county service.

POURPARLER

This department has been created primarily for the benefit of those heading up small public libraries. It will be oriented around queries raised by librarians or trustees in letters requesting information or suggestions. Questions will be selected (and answers given) in relation to their general application to the small library.

Public Library Standards

Question: What are good standards to set up for our library in the post-war era? I am anxious to study this matter, draw up recommendations and present them to my board for discussion and adoption.

As an aid in developing satisfactory standards for your library we would urge you to obtain a copy of *Post-War Standards for Public Libraries*, A.L.A., 1943. \$1.50. This book presents a general over-all picture of public library standards which should be especially helpful to all libraries.

For the purpose of indicating the nature, scope and assistance which may be obtained by public libraries from this book, a few of its main recommendations are noted below for the information of librarians.

Size of Library Unit

The effective library unit in a motor age will be large enough to provide essential library services and efficient administration through:

- Minimum income of \$25,000 per year for the library.
- Independent city libraries, from which adjoining communities or counties may be served by contract.
- County libraries serving the entire area of large counties or all but one or more cities with separate libraries.
- Regional or multi-county libraries.
- Federated groups of libraries providing cooperative services.

General Standards of Service

It is an obligation of public libraries to integrate its services with the work of other social and cultural agencies.

In evaluating the library as an institution of democracy, all types of service require careful measurement. To use circulation as

the only measure of library service is unsound. The information and guidance functions are equally important.

Effective public library service requires a program of public relations and reading stimulation which makes the public aware of library service and encourages the use of these services.

Library service should not be stereotyped in form or pattern. Experimentation should be encouraged, both in kinds of service and in methods of recording and evaluating services

Borrowers

The number of registered borrowers in public library units should meet the following minimum quantitative standards based on a three-year registration period:

- Adult—20 to 40% of the population fifteen years and over.
- Juvenile—35 to 75%, five to fifteen years.

Circulation

The circulation of books, periodicals, pamphlets, maps, pictures, films, phonograph recordings, etc., for home use in public library units should meet the following minimum quantitative standards:

- Adult Books—3 to 10 volumes per capita for the population of 15 years and over.
- Juvenile Books—10 to 30 volumes per capita for the population from 5 through 14 years of age.

Income

The amount needed annually, in relation to the population, is:

- \$1.00 per capita for limited or minimum service.
- \$1.50 per capita for reasonably good service.
- \$2.00 per capita for superior service.
- \$25,000 minimum annual income for the library on which to give modern efficient library service.

Small libraries can realize this standard by affiliating with their neighbors in library co-operatives, federations or a pooling of resources.

Budget

Normal distribution for the average public library will approximate the following proportions:

- Salaries (excluding wages of the building staff) 55%.
- Books, periodicals and binding—25%.
- Maintenance and other expenditures, including wages of building staff—20%.

These suggested proportions are for the average public library with an adequate total income and should not be applied to all libraries without discrimination.

Book Collection

The number of volumes per capita in a public library should meet the minimum standards shown in the following table:

- 3 up to 25,000 volumes in cities of 6,000—10,000 people.
- 2.5 up to 70,000 volumes in cities of 10,000—35,000 people.
- 2.0 up to 175,000 volumes in cities of 35,000—100,000 people.
- The minimum size of the book stock of any public library, as an independent unit, should be 6,000 volumes regardless of the population served. A smaller collection cannot be expected to achieve the objectives here set forth.
- The [number] of annual accessions should normally be $\frac{2}{10}$ of a volume or more in smaller communities (under 100,000).
- The stock of books in a public library available for the use of children should be ample for children of all ages. As a general norm, children's books should constitute from 20 to 25% of the total number of volumes in the library collection.

• In terms of annual expenditures, a similar proportion of 20 to 25% of the total book expenditures should be devoted to children's books. While they cost appreciably less per volume than adult books, their consumption in use is greater, and therefore replacements must be more frequently made.

• The adult book stock should emphasize nonfiction and represent all topics of general interest, as well as topics of special interest to each community. The proportion of adult nonfiction holdings to total adult holdings should be at least 60%, with the nonfiction ration generally increasing with the population of the area served.

Library Administration

Good administration requires that sound principles be followed in the management of a library. Some of these principles are:

• The functions of the library board and the chief librarian and the library staff should be clearly differentiated. The library board is the legislative body for the public library. The Board approves library policies and makes itself responsible for them and holds the librarian accountable for the results of his administration. The board itself does not administer the library.

• The library board should normally act as a committee of the whole. In most libraries, standing committees are unnecessary, but special committees appointed for limited periods to consider special problems are often desirable.

• The employment of numerous standing committees may interfere with the proper performance of the functions of the board and librarian. In American practice board meetings are usually held once a month.

• The chief librarian should be the administrator of the library and the technical adviser of the board.

• To the librarian as executive officer of the board should be delegated executive powers, the freedom to manage the normal operations of the institution within the limits of the broad policies which the trustees and the librarian have fashioned.

• The chief librarian should prepare the budget, subject to approval by the board; should nominate all staff members to the board, which should appoint library person-

nel only on his recommendation; and should be responsible for book selection.

- The librarian should attend all meetings of the board as its administrative executive and should participate in their proceedings. From their librarian, trustees should expect recommendations and proposals. These they should accept, amend or reject.

Staff

To become the people's university, the library must be staffed by librarians who are educators in a broad sense, not by custodians of books. The professional librarian:

- Is a graduate of a college or university with professional education.
- Has personality and qualities for leadership in the educational, cultural, and civic life of the community.
- Understands world problems and is aware of community needs, objectives, and problems.
- Has wide knowledge of books.
- Is alert to changing conditions.
- Devises and utilizes new means and methods.

The library staff should:

- Be appointed by the library board on recommendation of the chief librarian.
- Be certified under state law, as to minimum qualifications.
- Be organized in departments or divisions for effective functioning.

- Operate under accepted personnel practices, including classification and pay plans, and retirement and pension provisions.

Buildings

The post-war library building should be fully adapted to the many, varied services of the modern library and should be:

- Planned by a competent librarian and architect working in collaboration.
- Centrally located for the convenience of the greatest number of people.
- Functional in design, hospitable in appearance.
- Planned for 20 years' expansion of service and community growth.
- Provided with small meeting rooms for discussion groups, film forums, radio and record listening, and story hours.
- Equipped with the best modern lighting, heating, air-conditioning, and furnishings, and with special library equipment—bookstacks, other shelving, catalog cases, charging desks.

An obsolete library building is:

- Completely outgrown due to population increases.
- Cannot be satisfactorily enlarged due to poor original planning and inflexible structure.
- Is badly located due to shifting neighborhoods.

How Good Is Your Library

- Is it prepared to meet with its services and resources the numerous and complex problems of today and tomorrow?

- Does it have an active program for informal adult education adapted to the needs of your community? Readers' advisory service to individuals and groups? Cooperation with the educational programs of civic, labor, agricultural, and other groups? Discussion groups? Film forums?

- How many people in the community use the public library?

- Are your library trustees men and women of ability?

- Is the size of your library unit suited to the horse and buggy age, or the motor age?

- What is your library income, and how does it compare with the standard?

- What areas, and how many homes, are more than a mile from the main library or branch?

- Has your county accepted the responsibility of providing adequate library service for all its people?

- Is your library operating in an antiquated building which is outgrown, poorly located, arranged, heated, ventilated and lighted?

- Is the book collection large enough, broad enough in scope, with frequent enough additions, to meet community needs?

- Is your library staffed by professionally trained and qualified librarians?

HOW DOES YOUR LIBRARY STAND?

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

S A L M A G U N D I

Elva Barber Bailey

Mrs. Elva Bailey, for many years head of the Hospital Service of the Minneapolis Public Library, passed away January 2, 1945, at the home of her son, Charles, in Toledo.

She entered the Minneapolis Library in 1918 as a Reference Assistant while she completed the full year's training in the Library class then conducted by Miss Hutchinson.

She was then put in charge of the new Hospital Service which she organized and developed until every hospital (15) in the city had a library station and was visited twice a week with trained library service.

A graduate of Northwestern, a constant and discriminating reader, she had a cheerful and sympathetic personality that particularly fitted her for this work and that endeared her alike to patrons and to fellow-workers.

She retired in 1940 but continued her contacts and numerous friendships with the staff.—G. A. C.

Personnel

- Mrs. Merle Lennartson, for the past three years librarian at Redwood Falls, has been appointed to succeed the late Alma Penrose at St. Cloud.
- Frances Klune, who has been librarian of the Chisholm Public Library for the past five years and children's librarian for the previous ten years, has resigned. She plans to take a long rest before returning to library work. Mrs. Jane Lockhart Bush has been appointed acting librarian.
- Marie Knudson, Fergus Falls public librarian since 1942, has resigned to become librarian of the Monroe County Library, Monroe, Michigan.
- Maud Grogan, librarian of the Cloquet public library for many years, has resigned to accept a position with the Corona, California, Public Library.
- Helen Jensen, children's librarian, has been appointed to succeed Miss Grogan at Cloquet.

Belle Owens Honored

Belle M. Owens, Reader's Aid, St. Paul Public Library, retired December 31, 1944, after 45 years of service. She has served under every librarian appointed since the formation of a city public library. Miss Owens was secretary-treasurer of the M.L.A. in 1917 and president of the Twin City Library Club in 1917-18.

On January 13 the Staff Association gave a dinner in her honor which was attended by the Mayor and other city officials, members of the advisory library board, staff members and representative citizens.

The City Council adopted a resolution conveying "thanks and gratitude for exceptional service to all the citizens of St. Paul."

A Memorial Library

Early in January the Minnesota Poll of Public Opinion showed that Minnesotans favor a public building as a war memorial and that a new library headed the list. The idea that a new library would make a fitting war memorial crystallized in Minneapolis last August when the *Daily Times* sponsored a letter contest which since has furthered the idea of a new public library for Minneapolis as a war memorial.

In a letter to the editor of the *Times*, Miss Sarah Wallace of the Minneapolis library staff stated that "We claim that a library is one of the most fitting of functional memorials for our city. It knows no prejudices, racial, social, religious or educational. It is one of the last strongholds of the rugged individualist, a place where he can pursue his own interests, seek his own answers unregimented by classes, courses or programs of study. It requires no certificates, no fees, no credits, no diplomas, no degrees. It practices democracy. It is a living proof of America's freedom of thought, speech, expression. It stands for everyone in the community and it stands behind everyone in the community. The benefits it offers are limited only by the individual user's own interest and initiative."

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS

Adult Books of 1944

Compiled by Agatha L. Klein

This list does not include all of the "best" books published last year. It is intended primarily as a purchasing checklist for the smaller public libraries and contains titles selected for their readability, general appeal and usefulness in special subject fields.

The War and Related Problems

- Brown, J. M. *Many a watchful night*. McGraw. 2.75. A good picture of the incidents of American life brought to England by the armed forces and the effect of the British way of life on our fighting men.
- Colegrove, K. W. *American senate and world peace*. Vanguard. 1.50. Past history of the senate and present problems in relation to cooperation with other nations.
- Duranty, Walter. *USSR*. Lippincott. 3.00. Informal, historical interpretation of Russia from 1917 to the present.
- Grew, J. C. *Ten years in Japan*. Simon & Schuster. 3.75. The former ambassador to Japan tells of a decade of conflict and intrigue which culminated in war.
- Hope, Bob. *I never left home*. Simon & Schuster. pa. 1.00. A personal adventure story of Hope's visit on an entertainment tour to our armed forces in Africa, the near East, Sicily and England.
- Lattimore, Owen & E. H. *Making of modern China*. Norton. 2.75. Short history and contemporary picture of the problems of China.
- Lippmann, Walter. *U. S. war aims*. Little. 1.50. Why we are at war; how we have waged war and plans for peace. Advocates world cooperation among great powers dominating their own spheres of influence.
- Pyle, E. T. *Brave men*. Holt. 3.00. An intimate, human report of the armed forces in action in Sicily, Italy, England and France from June, 1943, to September, 1944.
- Reynolds, Q. J. *Curtain rises*. Random. 2.75. Stirring stories of fighting men and the inhabitants of bomb-torn towns.
- Sherrod, R. L. *Tarawa*. Duell. 2.00. Tells what happened on Tarawa and pictures the feelings and thoughts of the men during battle.
- Shotwell, J. T. *Great decision*. Macmillan. 3.00. A careful study of the causes of war and the efforts to secure peaceful settlement of nations' difficulties culminating in a definite plan for a federation of the states of the world.
- Snow, Edgar. *People on our side*. Random. 3.50. Excellent discussion of the place of India, USSR and China in the world picture and problems they present.
- Stettinius, E. R. *Lend-lease*. Macmillan. 3.00. Origin, development and significance of our aid to other nations and their aid to us.
- Stowe, Leland. *They shall not sleep*. Knopf. 3.00. Penetrating account of military and political fronts during 1941-1942 in China, Burma, India and Russia.
- War atlas for Americans*. Simon & Schuster. pa. 1.00. 88 maps and 60,000 words of explanatory text.
- Welles, Sumner. *The time for decision*. Harper. 3.00. A discussion of American foreign policy during the past twenty years, our problems in connection with many parts of the world and the author's plans for world organization.
- White, M. B. *They called it purple heart valley*. Simon & Schuster. 2.75. Pictures and words vividly explain what everyday life was like to the fighting men during the bitterest phases of the Italian campaign.

Places and People

- Bowen, C. D. *Yankee from Olympus*. Little. 3.00. A delightful biography of Justice Holmes, of his family and the national scene.
- Daniel, Hawthorne. *Islands of the East Indies*. Putnam. 2.50. Presents essential geo-

- graphical, political and economic data of the islands.
- Embree, E. R. *13 against the odds*. Viking. 2.75. A fine collection of biographies of contemporary, noteworthy Negroes.
- Gatti, E. M. *Exploring we would go*. Scribner. 3.00. Entertaining account of the author's adventures during her first trip into the African jungle.
- Graham, Shirley, & Lipscomb, G. D. *Dr. George Washington Carver, scientist*. Messner. 2.50. An excellent biography of this great negro scientist. Stresses his boyhood days.
- Jaffe, Bernard. *Men of science in America*. Simon & Schuster. 3.75. Biographies of important scientists and a discussion of the future of science in America.
- Jaques, F. P. *Snowshoe country*; illus. by F. L. Jaques. Univ. of Minn. 3.00. The diary and lovely black and white drawings portray the beauty and spirit of a winter spent by the authors on the Gunflint in Minnesota.
- Landon, M. M. *Anna and the King of Siam*. Day. 3.75. The engrossing tale of Anna Leonowen's experiences at the Siamese court in the 1860's as teacher and adviser to the king and his family and as a friend to the needy.
- Papashvily, George, & H. W. *Anything can happen*. Harper. 2.00. A well told and gay story of the adventures of a Russian immigrant in America to whom anything can and does happen.
- Wells, Carveth. *Introducing Africa*. Putnam. 2.50. Easily read handbook of information.
- Carlisle, N. V., and Latham, F. B. *Miracles ahead*. Macmillan. 2.75. A glimpse of the post-war world and the changes which will benefit mankind. Plastics, air liners, industrial chemistry in everyday things.
- Carrighar, Sally. *One day on Beetle Rock*. Knopf. 2.75. What happens to a whole animal community in the High Sierras on a summer day. A beautiful and absorbing nature book.
- Cerf, B. A. *Try and stop me*. Simon & Schuster. 3.00. Collection of witty anecdotes, etc., compiled mostly from his column in the Saturday Review of Literature. Useful for public speakers and good reading.
- Chase, M. E. *Bible and the common reader*. Macmillan. 2.50. The Scriptures are interpreted as literature, inspiration and history for the layman in vigorous, lively and enthusiastic discussion.
- Cole, L. W. *Attaining maturity*. Farrar. 2.00. This is an analysis of the problems of adjustment faced today and a guidebook to attaining a mature point of view.
- Downes, Edward. *Adventures in symphonic music*. Farrar. 2.50. The stories of some 200 compositions heard constantly over the air, at concerts or on records.
- Hardy, Kay. *Sewing for the baby*. Barrows. 1.98. Suggestions and instructions for making clothing, toys and room furnishings for the baby and small child.
- Hatcher, H. H. *Great Lakes*. Oxford univ. press. 3.50. A readable account of the Great Lakes region as a whole, from the ice age to the present with the emphasis on the lakes as waterways for shipping furs, grain, timber and ore.
- Johnston, E. A. *America unlimited*. Doubleday. 2.50, pa. 1.00. A moderate and intelligent presentation of our contemporary economic conditions and the author's belief in free enterprise.
- Jones, E. S. *Christ of the American road*. Abingdon-Cokesbury. 1.00. Asks an evaluation of the way in which the principles of Christ are applied to personal, social, industrial and political life.
- McWilliams, Carey. *Prejudice: Japanese-Americans; symbol of racial intolerance*. Little. 3.00. An excellent book on the his-

Books on Many Subjects

- Beard, C. A., & M. R. *Basic history of the United States*. Garden City pub. co. 69c. A well-written, concise history of the political, social and economic factors in American society from colonial times to the present.
- Botkin, B. A., editor. *Treasury of American folklore*. Crown. 3.00. Favorite stories, legends, tall tales, traditions, ballads and songs of the American people.
- Bundesden, H. N. *Baby manual*. Simon & Schuster. 3.00. A practical book on prenatal care and month by month care of the baby from birth to two years of age.

tory of the Japanese in America and the discrimination against this group.

Morehead, A. H. *Modern Hoyle*. Winston. 2.00. A completely new and authentic book of game rules.

Pratt, G. K. *Soldier to civilian*. McGraw. 2.50. Addressed to the civilian, this stresses the readjustment necessary for the returning soldier and ways to meet his many physical and emotional changes.

Richter, H. P. *Practical electricity and house wiring*. Drake, F. J. 1.50. A useful book covering every branch of electrical work in the wiring of small buildings.

Spears, R. W. *Make and remodel house furnishings*. Barrows. 2.00. A practical and helpful book.

Waller, W. W. *Veteran comes back*. Dryden. 2.75. A realistic approach which should be helpful for communities, organizations and educators planning aid to veterans.

Woodward, W. E. *Way our people lived*. Dutton. 3.95. Eleven fictional episodes picture the lives of Americans in various sections of the country in periods ranging from 1652 to 1908.

Fiction

Baner, S. V. *Latchstring out*. Houghton. 2.75. Pleasant, sensitive story of the everyday affairs of a little Swedish girl, her family and friends in upper Michigan.

Best, Herbert. *Young 'un*. Macmillan. 2.50. A vivid picture of upstate New York in the 1800's and the struggle of two youngsters of 14 and 15 to win over great odds.

Brink, C. R. *Buffalo coat*. Macmillan. 2.50. A human and engrossing story of the characters in 1890 Opportunity, Idaho, who were drawn to the town by its name.

Brown, G. G. E. *Earth and high heaven*, by Gwethalyn Graham, pseud. Lippincott. 2.50. A deeply moving indictment of anti-semitism told through the story of Erica, daughter of a prominent Montreal family who falls in love with a Jewish lawyer.

Cronin, A. J. *Green years*. Little. 2.50. An appealing story of the childhood and adolescence of a sensitive, lonely boy of Scotland.

De La Roche, Mazo. *Building of Jalna*. Lit-

tle. 2.50. The first volume, chronologically, of the Whiteoak family of the Jalna series.

Fast, H. M. *Freedom road*. Duell. 2.75. This effectively presented story of a period in post Civil war reconstruction in the South describes Negro and poor white cooperation on a plantation and the opposition of the Ku Klux Klan and like groups.

Goudge, Elizabeth. *Green Dolphin street*. Coward-McCann. 3.00. A charming but overly long novel of incidents in the various lives of a family of 1830 in the Channel Islands and New Zealand.

Halsey, Margaret. *Some of my best friends are soldiers*. Simon & Schuster. 2.50. A series of letters from Gretchen to her brother Jeff in the army reveal their feelings about life and their actions to combat racial prejudice.

Hersey, J. R. *Bell for Adano*. Knopf. 2.50. The American occupation of an Italian village and the major's attempts to promote democracy. An Imperative for 1944.

Idell, A. E. *Bridge to Brooklyn*. Holt. 2.75. A colorful, romantic novel of the Rogers family who appeared in "Centennial Summer." Good, light entertainment.

Maltz, Albert. *Cross and the arrow*. Little. 2.75. A stirring tale of why Willi Wagler, German factory worker, fired an arrow of hay to direct British bombers to destroy the factory.

Maugham, W. S. *Razor's edge*. Doubleday. 2.75. Character study of a young American after World War I seeking his ideal of personal peace. Not too important but popular.

Norway, N. S. *Pastoral*, by Nevil Shute, pseud. Morrow. 2.50. The love story, tenderly told, of two young people — one a bomber pilot, the other a WAAF.

Pettibone, Anita. *Johnny Painter*. Farrar. 2.50. The story of a likeable young man in Washington territory after the Civil War. His efforts to help tame the frontier and his romance make enjoyable light reading.

Sharp, Margery. *Cluny Brown*. Little. 2.50. This story of the unusual niece of a London plumber who was supposed to learn her place in life in domestic service but didn't is good entertainment.

Skidmore, H. D. *Valley of the sky*. Houghton. 2.00. In this story of one mission of the flying crew of the "Heartless Harpie" is woven the lives of the men and how they think and feel in action and during rest periods.

Smith, L. E. *Strange fruit*. Reynal. 2.75. Although the realism and violence may be shocking, it is a sympathetic, authoritative portrayal of the Southern race relations problem and has both sociological and literary importance.

Stevenson, D. E. *Listening valley*. Farrar.

2.50. Light romance in the author's usual style with an English setting.

Stone, Irving. *Immortal wife*. Doubleday. 3.00. A long, colorful, historical novel with Jessie Benton Fremont as the heroine.

Walker, Mildred. *Winter wheat*. Harcourt. 2.50. A Montana girl grows in wisdom and understanding through her love of people and of the land.

Williams, B. A. *Leave her to heaven*. Houghton. 2.50. An exciting, psychological novel of a despicable woman who even in death carries out her evil determination to ruin her husband.

Juvenile Books of 1944

Compiled by Della McGregor*

A total of 645 new juvenile titles were published in 1944 as compared with a total of 690 juveniles in 1943. Books in the selected list printed below are from the 1944 out-put. They are intended for the consideration of librarians who have an annual juvenile book budget of around \$150 for the purchase of new titles.—D. M.

Just for Fun

Adshead, Gladys. *What Miranda knew*. Oxford. 1.50. A cat who lived alone with a little old man and woman until a pair of babies and a group of efficient angels joined the family circle. Gr. 2-3.

Bright, Robert. *Georgia*. Doubleday. 1.25. A personable little ghost and pleasantly spooky pictures. Gr. 1-2.

Brock, E. L. *Uncle Bennie goes visiting*. Knopf. 2.00. The story is a merry one. Gr. 3-4.

Ferris, Helen. *Watch me Sail the Jeep*. Garden City. 1.00.

Garrett, Helen. *Angelo, the naughty one*. Viking. 2.00. Angelo lived in a lovely Mexican city full of fountains and gushing streams. The family felt disgraced by the terrible noise he made at bath time. When he ran away from home, the soldiers took a hand in making him presentable for his sister's wedding and too proud ever again to be a ragamuffin. Gr. 2-4.

Slobodkin, Louis. *Magic Michael*. Macmillan. 1.50. Always pretending to be something or other—a stork, a kangaroo, or hard things like electricity. Gr. 1-3.

Smith, E. B. *So long ago*. Houghton. 2.00. Prehistoric animals for small boys with a bent for science. Gr. 2-3.

Folk Tales—Fairy Tales—Myths

Andersen, H. C. *Tales*. Heritage Press. 3.00. Jean Hersholt has translated the tales with fresh directness. Gr. 4-6.

Dobbs, Rose. *No room*. Coward-McCann. 1.50. Combining sly wisdom with human understanding. Gr. 2-4.

Grahame, Kenneth. *Wind in the willows*. Heritage Press. 3.00. Reprint of 15.00 ed. Contains 12 plates by Rackham in color.

Henius, Frank. *Stories from the Americas*. Scribners. 2.00. Selected by Latin-Americans and characteristic of the various republics. Gr. 4-7.

Lawson, Robert. *Rabbit hill*. Viking. 2.00. The Connecticut hills dotted with homes for rabbits make a delightful setting for an irresistible tale with entrancing pictures. Gr. 4-7.

Lowrey, J. S. *In the morning of the world*. Harcourt. 2.00. Greek myths retold delightfully. Gr. 5-8.

Norton, Mary. *The magic bed-knob*. Put-

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- nam. 1.75. Three London children discover their piano teacher can ride a broomstick and is learning witch-craft. Gr. 4-6. Potter, Beatrix. *Wag-By-Wall*. Horn Book. 1.50. Sally Benson's Wag-By-Wall clock and the friendly old kettle, "more patch than bottom," are treasured additions to the list of characters by Beatrix Potter.
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- Rudolph, Marguerita. *Baby bears*. Macmillan. 1.00. A true story of the antics of a pair of bears, simply and charmingly told. Kdg.—3d gr.

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Estes, Eleanor. *The hundred dresses*. Harcourt, Brace. 2.50. An unforgettable story of a self-centered group of little girls of today and the suffering of those who are different, whatever the era.

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- Foote, K. S. *Walkabout down under*. Scribners. 1.50. (The two above titles are informative introductions to the people and history of Australia.) Gr. 6-9.
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Blair, Walter. *Tall tale America*. Coward. 2.50. Perfect gold-mine of jollity for storytellers. See *Life*, Feb. 5, 1945, for supplementary pictures.

Fenton, Carroll and M. A. *The land we live on*. Doubleday. 2.50. Book grew out of her radio program "Science everywhere."

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